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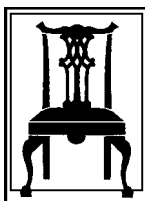
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"Read Across America"
ORR Program Promotes Literacy
 By Lacey Upton

Beginning a new tradition at the school, Old Rochester Regional High School will be celebrating the national program "Read Across America," which honors Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 and promotes literacy. Led by ORR's Honor Society and the English Department, the festivities will take place on Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1 and will include activities for students and the community.

The main thrust of "Read Across America" is literacy circles held in participating English classes on February 28 and March 1. Literacy circles are small groups of students and adults (usually five or six) who have read and brought in a book to discuss. In an informal setting, over coffee and refreshments, the participants describe plot, style, characters, and share their chosen book. Parents are welcome to join their children's literary circles;

English teachers will soon be handing out invitations containing the specifics and dates for the students to bring home to their parents. Participating English classes are those of Mr. Shannon, Ms. Dall, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Wickman, Ms. Lerman, Ms. Flaherty, and Ms. Brunelle.

Within the school, ORR is celebrating "Read Across America" in several other ways. The two-day program will also feature a raffle to win gift certificates donated by The Bookstall in Marion and funded by the high school. Students who choose to wear Dr. Seuss hats, answer literary trivia, or add to a school-wide poster of favorite books will automatically receive chances to win. Also in school on February 28 and March 1, the National Honor Society will sponsor a Used Book Fair. The Book Fair will be open to the community on Saturday, March 2 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. To donate gently used books, please drop them off in the school lobby weekdays from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, or call 508-758-9694 and other arrangements can be made. Donate your old books and come pick up new ones while helping to support reading!

"Green Eggs and Ham"
Dr. Seuss Breakfast Event

Members of the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will also be serving up ample portions of Dr. Seuss' delightful stories at a breakfast event scheduled for Saturday, March 2 at Memorial School in Rochester. As part of a nationwide "Read Across America" celebration, children will have the opportunity to hear many favorite



Above: Allison Roney, a second grade student at Center School in Mattapoisett (in Miss Haugen's class) poses with a copy of *The Wanderer* during a recent trip with her family to Cancun, Mexico. The background view is from the balcony at the Royal Caribbean overlooking the ocean and pool area. Like all our "Wanderering Wanderer" submissions, this will earn Allison an official Wanderer coffee mug for her efforts. (Photo courtesy of Lisa and Jay Roney).



Dr. Seuss' legendary "Cat in the Hat" is the logo being used to promote "Read Across America," a program which will be celebrated at ORR High School later this month. The nationwide literacy campaign is sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA) has been scheduled to coincide with Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. (Image courtesy of NEA and Dr. Seuss).

On the cover: This photo was taken on a recent trip to Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Outside the Rijksmuseum, standing behind Fransje and Nick Zucchero from Pine Island Road in Mattapoisett is a living statue of a seventeenth century gentleman, most likely a member of a military company. This period-bedecked man might have been an ideal subject for one of Rembrandt's paintings. The Zuccheros have earned an official "Wanderer Coffee Mug" for their submission. (Photo courtesy of Fransje Zucchero).

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stories. Perhaps a favorite character might even attend! And the menu ... why, *green eggs and ham*, of course!

The event will begin at 9:30 am. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required and can be made by calling 508-748-1863. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family, which will be collected at the door.

Tri-Town Council

Early Childhood Council Meeting

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 11 beginning at 6:00 pm at Center School in Mattapoisett. An update on state budget development for fiscal year 2003 will be presented. Reports will also be presented on recent and upcoming events sponsored by the council. Those in attendance will be invited to provide input on subcommittees as they develop their recommendations for activities for FY 2003.

If you are the parents of a young child, an early childhood professional or are a community member interested in supporting families raising young children in Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester, please consider attending the meeting. Child care is provided by pre-registration. Please call 508-748-1863 to register for child care or for more information.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

February 12, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman pro tem Ray Andrews on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham and Executive Secretary Carol Adams. Selectmen Chairman Paul Lambalot was not present for the meeting.

The board unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 4 meeting and then signed and approved:

- Appointment of Wayne Fostin, Manor Drive in Fairhaven, as Assistant Building Inspector for the Town of Mattapoisett. Mr. Fostin and Mattapoisett Building Inspector Andrew Bobola cover for each other during vacations;

- Appointment of Joeline Lynch Marinone of Upland Way and David J. McIntire Jr. of Main Street as members of the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership;

- Renewal of a Hawkers & Peddlers License for Joseph N. Dargon, 42 Marion Road, for the sale of flowers, plants and Christmas trees.

The board then met with members of the Town Planner Study Committee at 6:00 pm, including: Chairman Randall Kunz, Stephen J. Lombard, Connie Cesteri, Mark Estes, and Barry Perkins.

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"If you are all in agreement that this is a good way to go ... we should draft an article for the Town Meeting warrant," Selectman Andrews said.

But Selectman Denham cautioned that the town's current Personnel By-Laws would have to be amended, as they don't allow for a part-time position with benefits as Mr. Kunz proposed.

"Our Personnel By-Laws don't allow for 20 hours — it's either full-time or part-time," Selectman Denham said. "The only way we could make it work is to amend the Personnel By-Laws ... under the current structure of the Personnel By-Laws, this can't work without changing (them)."

Ms. Adams noted that the Selectmen are scheduled to meet with the Personnel Board shortly to discuss Conservation Commission (ConCom) matters. They could simply add this item to the agenda.

"There's a significant level of communication with the public (that needs to be done)," Mr. Kunz suggested in order to sell the idea to Town Meeting voters. "A certain amount of that accrues from (the board) discussing it at meetings and (through) the press. People have to look at these things ... (and) give them time to understand the contributions from improved zoning grants (and) promotion of industrial space."

"Certainly with The Regatta project, the ZBA could have used some help," Selectman Denham agreed. "Who has the time to research (zoning by-laws) and put them down on paper? Somebody has to do that. If you're

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a member of a no-pay board, it's difficult to do things for the Town of Mattapoisett. It's tough to put the kind of time in that's required to do these jobs (thoroughly)."

"It will cost people money in the short-term," Mr. Kunz agreed. "(But a Town Planner) will pay for him/herself every year. I jokingly say you save three lots a year and it pays for itself — it's true."

"We put the position under the Board of Selectmen," Mr. Lombard said. "The Planner is not an indication that the boards aren't doing their job. We see this as an added resource. I'm pretty sure the ZBA doesn't have a lot of time to review all the appeals that come before them. When the developer comes in, that's who they go see: the (Town Planner). When you have that resource, it's



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"The Planning Board sees a great benefit to a part-time Town Planner's position," added Planning Board Chairman Bob Rogers. "We'll do what we can to rally support and bring it to Town Meeting and see if the voters support it."

Building Inspector Andrew Bobola also voiced his support for the part-time Town Planner's position.

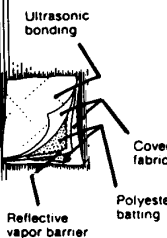
"I think it would be helpful prior to Town Meeting (to hold a Public Hearing)," Ms. Adams suggested.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received a notice from the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department informing them that they will no longer perform community service work projects due to budget constraints. The board wanted clarification if that includes the work being done at the Town Wharf.

Claudette Azar-Kenyon submitted an e-mail letter of resignation as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), effective immediately. Although Ms. Azar-Kenyon said she enjoyed her volunteer service for the most part, "it is my opinion that the infrastructure of this board has eroded to such a level that fair and balanced discussion of many different views, on many different issues, and related decision-making has been severely downgraded," she wrote. "This has perplexed me and has left me to believe that I can no longer be effective in my role as a ZBA member."

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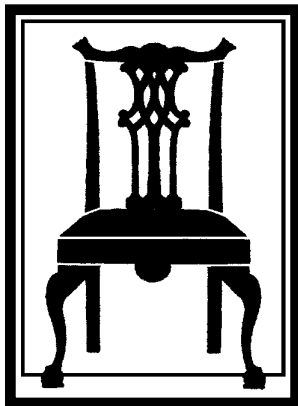


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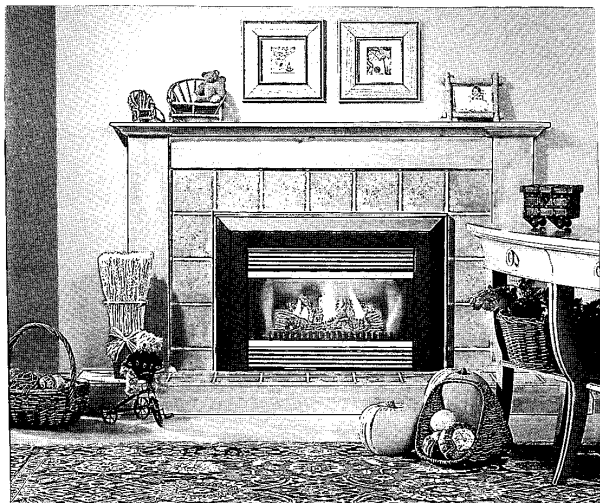
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Likewise, the board received a letter of resignation from Norman J. Lyonnais, who is also resigning from the Mattapoisett ZBA as an alternate member, effective immediately. "My decision was not an easy one but it is one that had to be made for everyone concerned," he wrote. "Being only one component of many and apparently one that does not meld with the preexisting regime, it is obvious to anyone observing the board's actions that any effort I put forth has little or no effect."

Selectman Denham noted with regret that it is becoming difficult to commit volunteer hours to town boards and committees.

Resident Daniel Goodman Sr. sent a letter to the board regarding recent media reports that state reimbursement funds for school projects may be delayed 2 or 3 years due to budget constraints. "The impact of the delayed reimbursements on the tax bills of Mattapoisett residents is certainly imminent and could be considerable," Mr. Goodman wrote. "In light of this news, I urge the Board of Selectmen to initiate a comprehensive review of the Old Hammondtown and Center School projects with respect to the schedule and funding components."

Selectman Andrews said he spoke with several legislators earlier in the day about this matter, including State Representative William Straus, who told him that of the 224 projects on the state reimbursement list, "ORR is #104, Old Hammondtown School is #158, and Center School is #183. It may take a delay time to put the funding in place, but once it's in place it lasts for 20 years. If we were to delay this project, we would get less for the same amount of money. We've been approved for (funding) at the 65 percent reimbursal rate. If we tried to either abandon it or delay it, we'd lose the (funding) and threaten the recertification (of Center School). I appreciate Mr. Goodman's letter and he does bring up some good points ... (but) any further delay would either increase the cost or

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"At this point, we're saying 'the sky is falling,' but we don't have any certainty," Selectman Denham added. "This could all turn around in the next six months. The sky isn't falling at this point."

"The legislature is keenly aware of the situation," Selectman Andrews said. "The people I've spoken with have given me assurances ... but there are no guarantees."

"By taking Center School off the list ... we'd never get it up to code," Selectman Denham said. "We've got another six months to look at this ... we're not at a critical point yet."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 6:50 pm.

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By Kenneth J. Souza

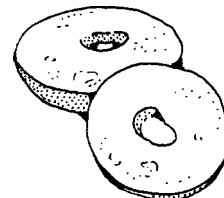
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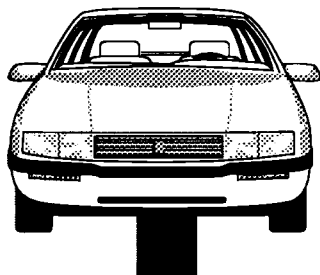
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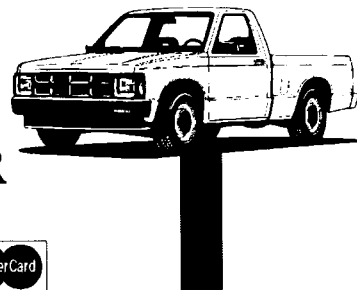
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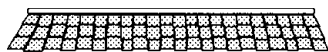
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Selectmen was called to order on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Patricia Ryan, Selectman Naida Parker, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the February 4 meeting, the board first met at 7:05 pm with Police Chief William Przybylek and Architect Joe Booth of the Dyer and Brown Firm for an update on the Police / Communications Building project and to request approval of a change order.

"We have expended some \$37,000 in the construction of the Police Station," Mr. Booth said. "This is not in excess of the contract we have with the town. Basically, through the course of construction, there were several change orders which have occurred. We discussed them with Mr. Huntoon and we were told everything would be settled (upon completion). One of the problems was the unusual rain storms which occurred (last) April ... which forced us to redesign the storm drain system. Our engineers came up with a system of sump pumps to help mitigate any future problems. Our cost to design the system and to assist the town with the FEMA application was a total of \$2,600. We've paid that amount to our engineers."

"With all the meetings we had ... I always said: 'I hope these delays don't cost us additional money,'" Chairman Cutler said in response to Mr. Booth's payment request.

"I'll be quite frank with you, if you want to tell me 'no' on this item, I can't fight you," Mr. Booth said. "We had a 10-month contract, which turned into 14 months. Again, these are costs which we felt were unexpected (but) necessary."

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(CCTV) in the Police Station, which Mr. Booth said was just put out to bid. "The CCTV was estimated at \$30,000 (but) we have an as-yet-unfinalized verbal quote of \$19,000," Mr. Booth said.

Selectman Ryan had concerns over the differing sizes of the holding cells inside the station and asked why they weren't a uniform size as designed.

"They're well within the requirements of the Department of Health," Mr. Booth said. "There is nothing that will prevent these from being licensed by the Department of Health, to the best of my knowledge. You could actually hold two people in those cells, by law."

As for pending payment to contractors for the exterior landscaping and fence work which needs to be done, Mr. Booth said they are holding a 2.5 percent retainer until that work is complete — an estimated \$60,000 sum.

"They'll clean up the (landscape) areas outside ... those are all on our punch list," Mr. Booth said.

Mr. Huntoon and Chief Przybylek also reviewed the project's line items which have been paid thus far and how much remains of the budgeted balance. "We did a summary of what's still available in unpaid funds (for the project)," Mr. Huntoon said. "Just to familiarize you with what we still have to spend ... and what we feel will be left after the project (is completed)."

"The total actual remaining expenses are a little under \$51,000," Chief Przybylek said. "After deducting

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those expenses from the balance on the spreadsheet, we still have about \$50,400 left."

"This project has been brought in at or under budget," Mr. Huntoon added.

"We still have an article on an upcoming Town Meeting for the Fire Department to upgrade to a UHF radio system," Chairman Cutler reminded.

With some line items still pending, the board agreed they'd like to see more accurate numbers from the Town Accountant via Mr. Huntoon on exactly what has been paid to date and how much remains in the budget before they approved Mr. Booth's latest change order request.

At 7:30 pm the board met with the Library Trustees to consider appointing Elaine Bourque to fill a position on their board left vacant with the recent resignation of Lynnea Walker. The board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Bourque to fill out Ms. Walker's term.

The board then decided to allocate the funds donated to the town by the Rodman Ride for Kids for youth programs in Rochester. After receiving several

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requests for consideration, the board unanimously voted to divide the money accordingly: \$200 to the Plumb Memorial Library for youth programs; \$200 to Rochester Brownie Troop 170; \$300 to the Rochester Girls Softball League; \$300 to the Rochester Skateboard Park Fund; \$200 to the Rochester Junior Girl Scouts; \$500 to the Rochester Youth Baseball League; \$200 to the Rochester Boy Scout Troop; and \$100 to the Kathy Medina Dance Studio Competition Team.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon informed the board that Anna White from the Rochester Historical Commission met with Massachusetts Historical Commission to discuss a project for mapping the Town of Rochester. Ms. White said the state commission will use town records to prepare an accurate map of the town boundaries.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- Letter from the Coalition for the Environmental Bond seeking support of the Environmental Bond (Section 2F of H. 4213) in the state legislature. The board unanimously voted to send letters to local legislators supporting passage of the bill.

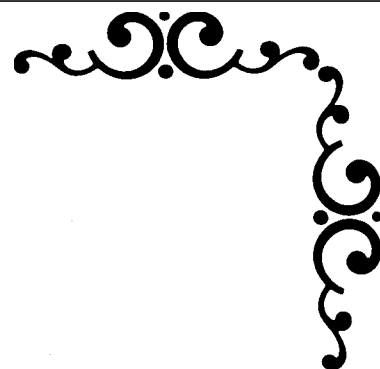
- Copy of a letter from the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen to the ORR District School Committee advising that Mattapoisett Selectman Paul Lambalot will serve as the tri-town board's representative in the forthcoming collective bargaining sessions.

Although the board didn't object to Mr. Lambalot

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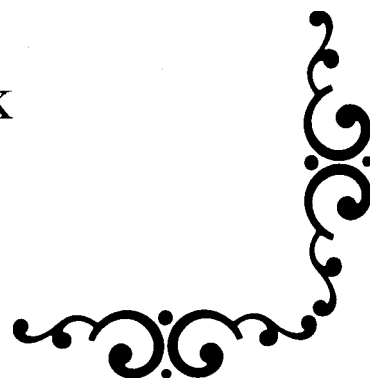
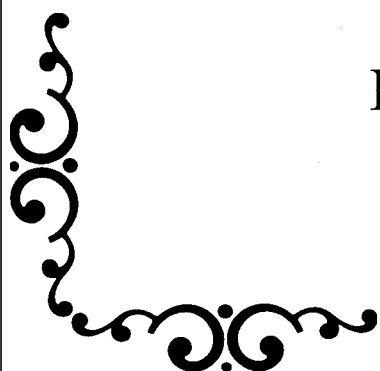
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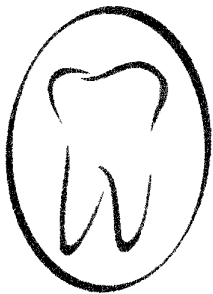
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as their representative, Selectman Ryan voiced concern over the letter. "That is not an appropriate letter," she said. "It should say it's from the three (Boards of Selectmen). It was Mattapoisett that sent the letter ... the letter should go to the School Committee from the three boards."

• Letter from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue certifying the town's Free Cash amount as for Fiscal Year 2002 as \$1,112,958.

• Payment in lieu of taxes from SEMASS in the amount of \$222,100 representing 89,919 tons of refuse collected during the month of January 2002.

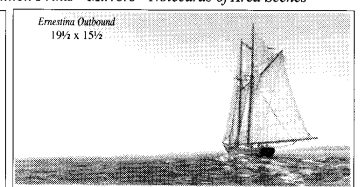
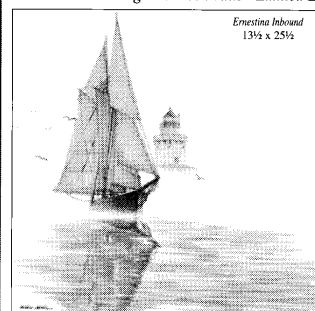
At 8:00 pm the board met with members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) and the Town Moderator to review the warrant for the January 25 Special Town Meeting. The joint boards agreed to endorse the following recommendations on the warrant:

- Article 1: Pay prior year's bills – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 2: \$23,000 to repaint exterior of Town Hall – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 3: \$84,000 to buy UHF radio system for Fire and Highway Departments – FinCom recommends/Selectmen make no recommendation;
- Article 4: \$30,000 to cover additional Town Counsel expenses – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 5: \$16,000 additional appropriation for Police Department Budget – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 6: \$52,700 to cover additional insurance expenses – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 7: \$4,000 transfer of Assessors Department Funds – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 8: \$7,000 to purchase and install a diesel engine for the Highway Department – FinCom recommends/Selectmen recommend;

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- Article 9: Approve the Harris Rebar Economic Opportunity Area (TIF Zone) – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen make no recommendation;
- Article 10: Enact Legislation to pay \$26,314 to pay LaFleur Electrical Company for a default contract at Memorial School – FinCom recommends/Selectmen make no recommendation;
- Article 11: Authorize Selectmen to grant an easement to Commonwealth Electric to provide service for the Senior Center – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen make no recommendation;
- Article 12: Authorize Selectmen to grant an easement to Verizon to provide service for the Senior Center – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen recommend;

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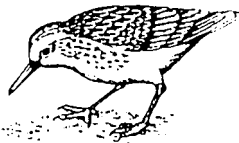
- Article 13: Amend the Personnel By-Laws to change the make-up of the Personnel Board – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen do not recommend;
- Article 14: Amend the Zoning By-Laws to provide enforcement for Junk, Scrap and Debris violations – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 15: Amend the Zoning By-Laws to provide enforcement for Unregistered Motor Vehicle violations – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen recommend;
- Article 16: Make various technical corrections to the Zoning By-Laws – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen recommend via majority (Selectman Parker abstained);
- Article 17: Amend the Zoning By-Laws to include a Site Plan Review and Approval Section – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen make no recommendation;
- Article 18: Extend the town's Industrial Zone Corridor to High Street – FinCom makes no recommendation/Selectmen make no recommendation, as a Special Permit has been granted.

At 8:45 pm the board met with Building Commissioner Bob Francis to review his department's budget and specific line items.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:30 pm.

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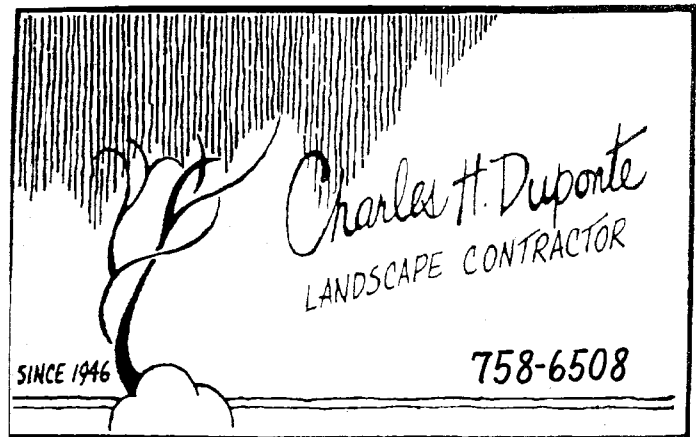


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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a member of the Bike Path Study Committee, I would like to express my displeasure with the turn of events at (the recent Mattapoissett Selectmen's) meeting.

It seems that one local resident appeared before you claiming to represent his neighbors, proceeded to villify our hard-working Chairman, Steve Kelleher, and in his loud, insulting manner then threatened the Selectmen with law suits and cost overruns and all kinds of problems. He further stated he would introduce a motion at the next Town Meeting to rescind the whole matter of the Bike Path.

Where has this individual been for the past five years? He first surfaced in his three-piece suit at an open informational meeting held a couple of months ago where he demonstrated this same bullying manner to the disgust of all present. Now he



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To the Editor:

While awaiting the outcome of the proposed Regatta development in Mattapoisett, we might consider why a town in Massachusetts can be threatened with negation of the ambience which its residents settled there to enjoy. We might ask: Who has the right to deprive home owners of the felicitous conditions they have paid for so dearly in earnings, taxes, and subjection of their own land use to zoning?

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So the big question is whether the mutual protection of a town's property owners in the form of Zoning is Constitutional under the individual's right to own property which cannot be taken from him or her without just compensation; or have politicians in Boston the right to make a law that abrogates that protection without compensation?

Is Chapter 40B of the (Massachusetts) General Laws not, to the extent that it costs abutters and others problems like flooding, loss of property value, and radically diminished enjoyment of their property, indeed a partial taking of their property without compensation?

Knowing that the projected Regatta and any other similar development will surely lower some of the property values in town while, at the same time, causing higher taxes for all property owners to support additional infrastructure and services, do the politicians in Boston have any right to arbitrarily stick us with them?

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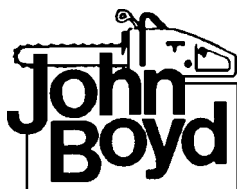


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suggested it might be. If it is, let's get rid of it and build high fences around our property. If it isn't, let's get rid of Chapter 40B before it destroys this lovely state. While (we're) at it, why not clean out the Boston Zoo of old-time, ultra-liberal politicians? They're a disgrace!

Sincerely,
Allan Holmes Vaites
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- **Monday, February 18** – Presidents Day Holiday (no meals served).
- **Tuesday, February 19** – Beef stew, chicken leg l'orange, mixed blend vegetables, wheat roll, fresh fruit.
- **Wednesday, February 20** – Chicken pastina soup, chicken breast marsala, chopped broccoli, light rye bread, cookie, graham wafer.
- **Thursday, February 21** – Sausage cacciatore, rotini, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, fruit in light syrup.
- **Friday, February 22** – Cheese omelet, hash browns, tomato juice, muffin, fresh fruit.

ORR Students of the Month

Stephen Helman, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, recently announced the following "Students of the Month" for January 2002:

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The recipients of the awards must be a resident of the Towns of Rochester, Marion or Mattapoisett and a student graduating from ORR. The successful student will be majoring in criminal justice/law enforcement. Preference will be given to students whose parent, brother or sister is a full-time police officer on one of the three town's police departments. The award will be given after

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The following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for the month of February:

- Wednesday, February 13 at 6:30 pm – Marion School Committee at Sippican School;
- Monday, February 25 at 7:30 pm – Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;
- Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm – Rochester School Committee at Memorial School.

Science Magic in Fairhaven

School vacation week in February should have an extra element of fun at The Millicent Library in Fairhaven. The Museum of Science Traveling Programs will feature "Science Magic" on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:00 pm.

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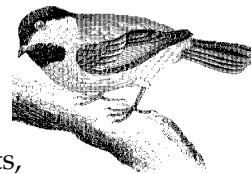
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Young people who want to meet the state requirements for those under 16 operating a power boat alone, those who wish to qualify for the discounts offered by some insurance companies to those who have successfully completed a basic safe boating course, new boaters and those who wish to refresh their skills are welcome. For more information, please contact Jane Ulewicz at 508-763-5424 or Joan Andersen at 508-758-3545.

Reich Supporters Group

Local supporters of gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich will gather at Andrew's Restaurant at 7 Cottage Street in Marion at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 25. The focus will be on strategy to gather the petition-signatures needed to get Reich on the ballot. Coffee and tea will be served. For more information, please call

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Fairhaven Colonial Club

The Fairhaven Colonial Club Historical Tea will be held on Friday, February 22 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the club, 6 Cherry Street in Fairhaven. The public is invited and there is no charge to attend. The Historical Tea is a celebration of the town's anniversary. It is held annually by the Colonial Club, which is located in the Coggeshall Memorial House on Cherry Street. The Coggeshall House was bequeathed to the Historical Commission in 1916 by Martha Coggeshall. The Colonial Club was established in



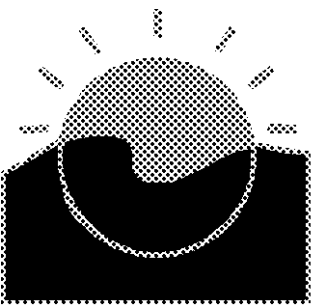
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Visiting Artists Wanted

March has been designated by the Massachusetts Art Education Association as "Youth Art Month." This is the fifteenth annual celebration of the month at Center School in Mattapoisett. A major part of the celebration will be the visitation of artists, during art class time, to discuss and demonstrate their area of expertise. Funding to compensate the artists for their time has been generously provided by a grant from the Mattapoisett Parent Teacher's Association.

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If you are an area artist and interested in enriching the creative development of our young "Van Gogh's,"

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Mattapoisett History Program

Who was Rebecca Snow? Come to the Mattapoisett Museum and Carriage House on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 pm when Natalie Hemingway will introduce everyone to Rebecca and others of her ancestry from an earlier day in our town. Natalie has done extensive research on her family and presents and entertaining and informative program, in costume. Come and learn about Ivory Snow, also an ancestor ... and he made soap! The museum is located at 5 Church Street in Mattapoisett and the program is open to the public. Come and learn more about why "Mattapoisett is Special."

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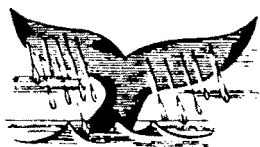


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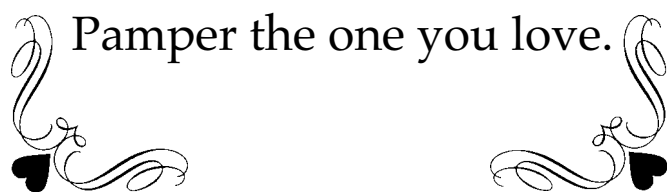
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Student Trip Benefit

Bryan Russell is a local eighth grade student at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven who has been selected to be a student ambassador to Australia this summer. He is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to try and raise \$5,000 needed for this trip. The Spaghetti Dinner to help Bryan Russell represent the United States in Australia (People to People Program) will be held on Sunday, February 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (under 10), and will be available at the door. The event will feature door prizes and raffles. Please call 508-295-5201 to reserve tickets.

Friendship Church Dinner

The doors will open at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 19 at the First Congregational Church in Wareham for the "Dinner is Served" program. The menu special will be Marion's special meat loaf with roasted potatoes and a vegetable, breads with a variety of juices and a pineapple upside-down cake for dessert.

The event is hosted by St. Gabriel's Church in Marion which has joined with "Churches United to End Hunger" which has organized Friendship Tables to serve free hot meals on a regular basis to the area residents who

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The schedule for these meals is on the third Tuesday of each month at the First Congregational Church, Gibbs Avenue in Wareham. This program continues through the first quarter with the next meal served on March 19. Notices are being distributed to the local schools and community organizations.

Mattapoisett Republican Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee met on Wednesday, January 23 to elect five delegates to the Republican State Convention. The convention will be held in Lowell, MA on April 6. The following delegates were elected: Connie Cestari, Chairman; Natalie Haggerty, Vice Chairman; Nathan B. Flood, Member; Raymond Southwick, Member; Elvita Rocha, Republican. Alternate Delegates were: Carleton Burr, Member; and Walter Mierzejewski, Member.

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- Thursday, February 21 – Lunch at Church Hall at 11:45 am;
- Monday, February 25 – Independence Mall Trip at 9:00 am; Town Meeting at Memorial School at 7:00 pm;
- Tuesday, February 26 – AARP Meeting at 1:00 pm in Town Hall; Lunch at Church Hall at 11:45 am;
- Wednesday, February 27 – Shopping at Fairhaven at 8:30 am;
- Thursday, February 28 – Lunch at Church Hall at 11:45 am.

Chicken Pie in Marion

The Marion United Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 23 at 5:30 pm. The menu will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, string beans, carrots, cranberry sauce, beverage and cherry cobbler with ice cream. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. Please call Jane at 508-748-0476 for reservations.

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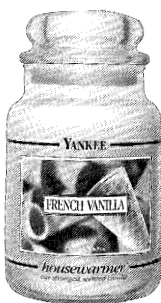
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SouthCoast Community Church is part of a new movement designed to make going to church a more comfortable experience for people who haven't in a while. For some of you, church may have played an important role throughout your life; or perhaps during a particular time; or maybe never at all. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, they want to provide a place where you can explore Christianity at your own pace. Join them from 10:00 to 11:00 am on Sunday morning at Sippican School in Marion. For more information, check out their website at www.southcoastcommunitychurch.org or call Pastor, Gary Taylor at 508-748-3200.

Jazz Memorial Fundraiser

Jazz lovers and friends of beloved local jazz legend Bobby Greene will have an opportunity to remember Bobby and attend a jazz concert extravaganza per-

formed by a host of great jazz musicians from all over New England — all former band members of the well-known jazz group *Coleus*, a band Bobby Greene formed in the early 1970s.

The Bobby Greene Memorial Scholarship Fund is hosting a major fund-raising event in memory of the local jazz legend who performed his inimitable style of jazz to the delight of music fans throughout the region. The event, called "Jeans and Rhinestones Ball," a tribute to Bobby Greene takes place on Sunday, March 24, 2002 at Harborfront Center Ballroom (formerly Seaport Inn), 110 Middle Road in Fairhaven and will reunite Bobby's band *Coleus*.

The six-hour music marathon from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm will feature performances by Danny Schwartz, John Harrison, Rusty Russo, Rick Britto, Stan Belmarce, Mac Chrupcala, Ken Carpenter, Andy McGwain, Dean Cassell, Herbie King, Jackie Santos, Stan Strickland, Tim Ingels, Paul Del Nero, Orlando Pandolfi, Bill Mieli and other surprise guests. Admission is \$25 and will include hors d'oeuvres, cheese and crackers and fruit tray. A boxed lunch will be available for purchase. For ticket information, please call 508-993-1999. Tickets are also on sale at the door and at Baker Books and The Symphony Music Shop in North Dartmouth, and Words and Music in Fairhaven. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the Bobby Greene Memorial Fund.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club

The February meeting of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club will be held at 12:00 noon on Thursday, February 21 at Reynard Hall in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. "Show and Tell Time" will be the program. Please bring your favorite things or entertain the group with music, readings, anecdotes and the like. A light luncheon will be served. Newcomers are always welcome. Please call Pat at 508-758-4577 for more information.

Rochester Women's Club

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Marion Olympic Activities

The Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion will host a week of Olympic Drop-In Activities during school vacation week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 19 and 20, learn about the flag of the 2002 Winter Olympics and color in one to take home; on Thursday, February 21, play "Tabletop Olympics" with buttons and straws. On Friday, February 22, decorate an Olympic torch bookmark (if it is left with the artist's name on it, it will be laminated and ready to pick up on Saturday); and on Saturday and Sunday, February 23 and 24, play "Olympic Mind Games" by solving puzzles and search for hidden pictures and words. Each time children come to the library during the Olympics, they can add an Olympic mascot to the Winter Well. Supplies and instructions for all activities will be found in the Children's Room during regular library hours.

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Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The Maconchu Club will meet Saturday, February 16 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The new minister will speak in an informal setting. The Reverend Dr. Virginia Helman Child comes to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church from the South Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Refreshments will be served and guests are always welcome.

Marion Census

The Town of Marion's annual town census is nearly completed. All persons who have not responded are urged to do so immediately. If you have any questions or did not receive a form, please call 508-748-3526 or 508-

748-3502. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Phone calls will be made to homes that did not respond by mail and a census taker will visit homes of those unable to be contacted by phone.

Dogs in Rochester

Rochester Animal Control Officer Robin Prezner recently reported that the department picked up a male Chow mix on Dexter Lane and they are currently looking for the owner. The brindle-colored dog appears to have broken his collar and gotten loose. Also up for adoption through the Animal Control Department is a small female black mix. She's a small dog, not very big, and rather young and quiet. For further information on either dog, please contact Rochester ACO Robin Prezner at 508-763-5326.

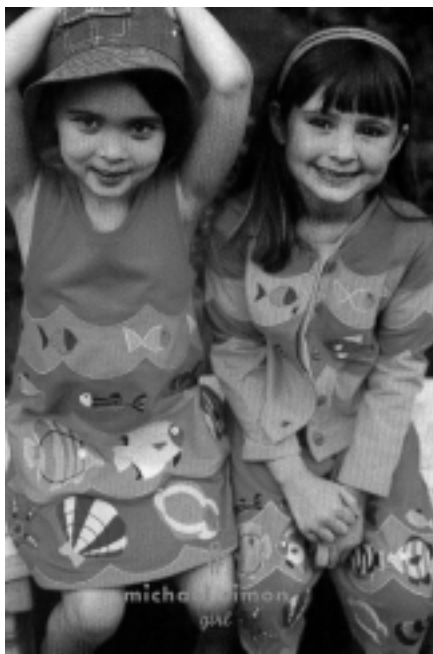
Rochester Police Brotherhood

The Rochester Police Brotherhood has begun its annual fund-raiser and it should last for about three weeks. Again this year they will be utilizing the services of a private company. They fully understand that many people do not like to receive calls from people they do not know, but it is the only way our small group can reach the numbers of people needed. There is also a question about the amount donated that actually goes to the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is guaranteed a set amount, which is very generous.

Additionally, the company, is responsible for all the expenses including the advertising book and the free entertainment. This year they will have a repeat performance by the Harlem Rockets, a comedy basketball team. It was decided to have this group return as last year's game was such an entertaining and fun event for all.

The Rochester Police Brotherhood wants all those that receive a call to be assured that their donation goes to support many groups and worthwhile causes in the surrounding communities. Over the past few years the Rochester Police Brotherhood has donated monies to The Kennedy-Donavan Center, ORR After-Prom Party, the Rochester Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner, Rochester Memorial School DARE Program, youth groups and youth sports programs, Rochester Safety and Awareness

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Day, Rochester Memorial School, and last year they began to award two \$500 scholarships to graduating ORR students who continue their education in the field of law enforcement. The aim of the fund-raising is provide the Brotherhood with the necessary funds to make donations throughout the year to those groups and causes that appeal to us for support. To all those that donated so that the Brotherhood may help others, they thank you.

Should you have any questions or complaints regarding the fund-raising effort, please call Officer Robert Small, President of the Rochester Police Brotherhood, at 508-763-5112, voice mail extension 155.

Marion Police Brotherhood

The Marion Police Brotherhood is starting up their annual fund-raiser. This year, at the suggestion of many Marion residents, they have decided to change their fund-raising efforts. Instead of interrupting everyone's day or evening with annoying phone calls from telemarketers, they have decided to try a direct mail campaign. By eliminating the telemarketers, residents can be assured that 100 percent of the money donated will go directly to the Marion Police Brotherhood. As such, they would like to notify residents of the change and that the letters are legitimate.

In past years, the Marion Police Brotherhood has raised money for various local charities and organizations including the ORR High School After Prom Party, ORR Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Baskets for elderly residents, American Cancer Society, Marion

Recreation Road Race, and the Annual Christmas Stroll, to name just a few. They are only asking residents and local businesses to donate an amount they are comfortable with.

To show their appreciation, a free concert will be held on July 6 at Silvershell Beach to coincide with the town's upcoming 150th anniversary festivities. They will be providing music throughout the day to coincide with other events that have been scheduled at the beach. This is their way of thanking Marion residents for their continued support.

Checks may be mailed to the Marion Police Brotherhood, P.O. Box 59, Marion, MA 02738. Checks may also be dropped off at the Marion Police Station.

Rochester Country Fair

The Rochester Country Fair is pleased to announce its First Annual Outhouse Building Competition sponsored by Bill Taylor of Rochester Cesspool Services. The fair will be held August 23-25 with the Outhouse Competition on August 24. Design and construction and transportation of outhouses to the fair are the responsibilities of the participants. Outhouses will be judged on quality of workmanship, originality and functionality. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded.

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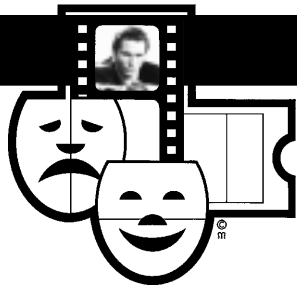
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MOVIE REVIEW

Death Sentence

By Kenneth J. Souza
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Monster's Ball. Starring Billy Bob Thornton, Halle Berry and Peter Boyle. Directed by Marc Forster. Running time: 108 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At select theaters.

In several recent films, audiences have been forced to confront the horror of criminal execution. Mostly these movies used the sometimes-graphic inmate's death to either comment on the cruelty of the punishment, or as a traumatic catalyst for the plot. But in films like *Dead Man Walking*, *The Green Mile*, and *Dancer in the Dark*, the repercussions of these climactic executions were never fully explored. Enter *Monster's Ball*, which bravely begins with a man's execution and then spends the rest of its time slowly examining how his death resonates with those left behind.

In a layered pastiche of paced performances we first meet Billy Bob Thornton's world-weary corrections officer, a man trapped between two generations of corrections officers. His father, a narrow-minded bigot played with pitch-perfection by Peter Boyle, and disillusioned son (Heath Ledger) are also "on the team," presumably because it was expected of them. Like mindless robots, they suit up everyday and do their duty — that being, to lead inmates down death row.

Thornton seems equally disgusted with both his racist father and his weak-willed son who resists the family precondition to prejudice. Both in terms of age and experience, Thornton's character falls somewhere in the middle. The absence of any dominant female figure in their lives, save for a common prostitute, also speaks volumes. Thornton's wife is long gone and his mother, we later learn, committed suicide.

During the execution of a reputed cop killer played by Sean Combs, Thornton ushers his reluctant son into the fold of prison duty and both are present during the titular "Monster's Ball," so-named for the would-be celebration just prior to a criminal's death. Cracks begin to appear in Thornton's stone façade when he sees his son display the smallest amount of empathy for the condemned, but having been exposed to a lifetime of intolerance, he only knows how to degrade and denounce him for it.

In a career-pinnacle role, Halle Berry plays Combs' suffering wife who, like Thornton, tries to put on a brave face but finds her lot in life too much to handle. Her Oscar-nominated performance



is well-justified, as she paints a complex portrait of a proud woman gradually broken by life's repeated hard knocks. When tragedy brings Berry and Thornton together, we feel like ersatz matchmakers, hoping these two lost and lonely souls will find some semblance of solace in each other. That their relationship transcends racial boundaries only scratches the surface. But it does become a bone of contention for Thornton's pig-headed father, who has a harrowing first-time meeting with the stunned Berry. Thornton responds appropriately, dealing with his father in a manner that suggests a leap of maturity and growth.

Thornton never does reveal his connection to Berry's late husband, and when she stumbles upon this information, she likewise responds differently than expected. Like Thornton, her reaction is telling in its own way and suggests she wants to move on and have at least a shot at happiness, even if it means having to suppress her emotions. The two have now come full circle: Thornton has learned to show compassion for others while Berry has learned to temper her emotions in exchange for a little peace of mind.

Having nothing left to lose by the movie's end, Berry and Thornton gravitate towards each other, despite their differences and flaws. Their bond doesn't blossom out of a love affair, per se, but more from a mutual admiration. They both have learned to understand and accept grief, loss, hate and disappointment — but together they find something approaching happiness, which is far better than what they would have achieved apart. The movie closes not so much with a conventional "happy ending" as with a measured "hopeful ending." And for these two people, hope is a rare find.

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Orange County (PG-13) - 12:50
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Return to Neverland (G) - 12:20, 2:10, 4:10, 6:45, 8:35
Super Troopers (R) - 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:35, 9:50
Hart's War (R) - 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
Crossroads (PG-13) - 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7:25, 9:30
John Q (PG-13) - 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40
Collateral Damage (R) - 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
Rollerball (PG-13) - 12:35, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25
Big Fat Liar (PG) - 12:55, 2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:15
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) - 3:45, 6:55
In the Bedroom (R) - 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Black Hawk Down (R) - 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45
A Walk to Remember (PG) - 1:20, 9:35
Snow Dogs (PG) - 12:45, 2:55, 5:05, 7:15
Gosford Park (R) - 9:20

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Return to Neverland (G) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
The Mothman Prophecies (PG-13) - 9:10
Hart's War (R) - 1:10, 3:50, 6:20, 9:00
Crossroads (PG-13) - 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:20, 9:20
John Q (PG-13) - 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10
Super Troopers (R) - 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 8:50
Snow Dogs (PG) - 1:30, 4:00, 7:10, 9:20
Black Hawk Down (R) - 1:40, 4:40, 7:40
Big Fat Liar (PG) - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
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A Walk to Remember (PG) - 1:20, 4:10, 7:00
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) - 1:50, 4:50, 7:40
Collateral Damage (R) - 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50

PTA Skating Party

The Mattapoisett PTA has reserved the Carousel Roller Skating Rink in Fairhaven for vacation week, Thursday, February 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a private party for Mattapoisett PTA families and friends. Admission is \$2 to cover expenses and skate rental is extra. Please join in the fun — everyone is welcome. The Carousel Roller Skating Center is located on David Drown Boulevard in Fairhaven.

Rochester Fair Dance

The Rochester Country Fair will have a dinner dance on Saturday, February 23 at the Redman Hall. The Relics will be on hand for live music. The dinner consisting of roast beef will start at 7:00 pm, with music and dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Tickets are \$12 per person. Tickets are available at Bev Loves Books, Mayflower Bank, Plumb Corner Market, Rochester Center Cafe and Bakery, Ponderosa, Lloyd's Market, and Frank's Barber Shop. A Chinese Auction and 50/50 raffle will also be held.

Quilt in the Making

A group of local ladies have come up with the idea of making a quilt together. So far, the group is comprised of Emily McLaughlin, Susan Ehrhart, Charlotte Purrington, Joanna Hunt, and Margie Barrows. They hope that everyone has a unique view of "Signs of Hope" and

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2001 OSCAR PREDICTIONS



By Rob Gonsalves • local@ultranet.com

Well, they just got announced. This year's Oscar nominations, that is. No terribly big surprises—the usual big overhyped Hollywood people-pleasers got props, some truly deserving little films either got fobbed off with token screenplay nods (*Memento*, *Ghost World*) or were ignored altogether (*Hedwig and the Angry Inch*)—but, hey, isn't that what makes Oscar?

• **Best Supporting Actress Nominees:** Jennifer Connelly, *A Beautiful Mind*; Helen Mirren, *Gosford Park*; Maggie Smith, *Gosford Park*; Marisa Tomei, *In the Bedroom*; Kate Winslet, *Iris*.

Rob's prediction: The *Gosford* duo Mirren and Smith may cancel each other out. It may be Kate Winslet's time after two previous nominations, but who saw *Iris*? It's between the Marisa Tomei of this year, Jennifer Connelly, and the actual Marisa Tomei (who infamously won in this category before, leading to doubt as to whether she really won). If Oscar's in a forgiving mood, Tomei; if *A Beautiful Mind* sweeps, Connelly's got it.

• **Best Supporting Actor Nominees:** Jim Broadbent, *Iris*; Ethan Hawke, *Training Day*; Ben Kingsley, *Sexy Beast*; Ian McKellen, *The Fellowship of the Ring*; Jon Voight, *Ali*.

Rob's prediction: How do you nominate Ethan Hawke in this category and overlook Steve Buscemi in *Ghost World*? Whatever. Kingsley had the showboat role in *Sexy Beast*, but it's not a likable character; I say McKellen, who boasts the only acting nod from *Lord of the Rings*, grabs it.

• **Best Actress Nominees:** Halle Berry, *Monster's Ball*; Judi Dench, *Iris*; Nicole Kidman, *Moulin Rouge*; Sissy Spacek, *In the Bedroom*; Renée Zellweger, *Bridget Jones's Diary*.

Rob's prediction: Tough field this year. Still, *In the Bedroom* will have to win *something*, and they might as well honor it by honoring Spacek, a well-respected actress perceived as having a comeback (Oscar loves comebacks).

• **Best Actor Nominees:** Russell Crowe, *A Beautiful Mind*; Sean Penn, *I Am Sam*; Will Smith, *Ali*; Denzel Washington,

Training Day; Tom Wilkinson, *In the Bedroom*.

Rob's prediction: Forget Penn—he was in a universally-panned movie, and he won't show up anyway. Crowe just won last year, Wilkinson isn't enough of a star, and Smith's movie didn't gross enough. I see Denzel—long overdue for a Best Actor trophy (he has one for Best Supporting)—snagging this one for his atypical villainous turn.

• **Best Director Nominees:** Robert Altman, *Gosford Park*; Ron Howard, *A Beautiful Mind*; Peter Jackson, *The Fellowship of the Ring*; David Lynch, *Mulholland Drive*; Ridley Scott, *Black Hawk Down*.

Rob's prediction: Altman dislikes Hollywood and Hollywood dislikes him, whether or not his alleged recent anti-patriotic comments were misquoted. I'd love to see Lynch win, but his movie wasn't nominated for Best Picture; neither was Scott's. That leaves Howard and Jackson, and though Howard directed what may turn out to be 2001's Best Picture Oscar-winner, Jackson clearly did the best job behind the camera last year—he brought an entire *world* to the screen, man, and I don't see how you can't honor that.

• **Best Picture Nominees:** *A Beautiful Mind*; *Gosford Park*; *In the Bedroom*; *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*; *Moulin Rouge*.

Rob's prediction: This might be Oscar's year to decide it respects fantasy filmmaking, or it might not. *A Beautiful Mind* is more obviously Oscar bait, coming as it does from Hollywood, with a name cast, and being a sensitive and uplifting biopic about a man with an affliction. Sadly, though I'm rooting for Middle-earth to prevail, the story of a crazy mathematician has it locked.

• **Various stupidities:** No make-up nomination for Rick Baker for *Planet of the Apes*? A new Animated Feature Film category was created for three kiddie movies, but *Waking Life* didn't deserve to be included in it? Nothing for Thora Birch for *Ghost World*? John Cameron Mitchell for *Hedwig*? Tilda Swinton for *The Deep End*? Gene Hackman for *The Royal Tenenbaums*? On the plus side, Miramax's blatant "give us another Oscar" holiday film, *The Shipping News*, got totally shut out. Take that, Harvey Weinstein.



Whoopi Goldberg will host this year's Academy Awards telecast on Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 pm on ABC.

Recovery in the wake of the events of September 11, 2001. Some of them see spring, rainbows, and eagles and doves, to name a few. The possibilities are endless. They do not want anything militant or violent, however.

The group is inviting anyone with an idea of their own to send or drop off a quilt block contribution. They could possibly end up with enough for two quilts, which would be fun. Upon completion of the quilt, they plan to raffle it off and donate the proceeds to the Salvation Army, who has done a wonderful job.

There are a couple of specifications for the quilt block: each block must be 12.5 inches (square) of off-white muslin. Any form or technique is good. Each person has their own style and method. Some examples are: applique, piecing, batik, and painting. Also, please sign your square or pin a paper with your name and address on it so it can be noted.

The group plans to begin putting the pieces together after Valentine's Day, so please have your contributions in by February 14, 2002. They can use help with anything from piecing to hand-quilting, if you are interested. The contact persons for the project are: Emily McLaughlin, 196 Perry Hill Road, Acushnet, MA 02743 (508-995-1555) and Susan Ehrhart, 8 Forester Road, Rochester, MA 02770 (508-763-5247).

Cans for Bands Drive

Cans for Bands is continuing its mission to collect all redeemable bottles and cans to benefit the Concert and Jazz Bands at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett. Please help by bringing redeemable bottles and cans to the Old Hammondtown School parking lot on Saturday mornings, 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Sippican Senior Travelers

The following trips are sponsored by the Sippican Senior Travelers. Anyone wishing to join the group on these trips is welcome to attend:

- February 14 – Valentine's Day with Larry Gilbert Show at the Radisson Hotel in Milford: Enjoy comedy, dancing and more; lunch is baked breast of chicken; price is \$46 per person.
- March 27 – East Hill Farm, Troy, NH: Lunch and show at the farm; roast turkey, roast pork, homemade breads and soup; entertainment by Dave Aho and his one-man band; also stops at Johnny Appleseed's and Bolton Farm; price is \$40 per person.
- April 14 – Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant featuring *Sylvia*, a romantic comedy; an all-you-can-eat buffet; price is \$58 per person.
- May 8 – Providence Harbor Cruise: Lunch at Cassareno's Italian Restaurant; a 90-minute Providence Harbor cruise with stop at the new Providence Place Mall and at Scialo's Bakery; price is \$44 per person.
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Local Police Logs

MARION

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- High Street – transport
- Hiller Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Cedar Lane – animal complaint
- Gifford's Corner Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Blueberry Way – motor vehicle complaint
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Delano Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – civil complaint
- Main Street – assist municipal agency (fire department)
- Spring Street – follow-up investigation
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Front Street – larceny/past
- Point Road – parking violation
- Island Wharf Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Spring Street – suspicious activity
- Converse Road – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – youths in street
- Front Street – family disturbance
- Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Front Street – suspicious person
- Cottage Street – larceny/past
- Shady Lane – breaking and entering/past
- County Road – animal complaint
- Cross Neck Road – officer wanted
- Main Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Upland Way – follow-up investigation
- Front Street – vandalism/past
- Green Street – noise complaint

- South Street – found property
- Front Street – adult arrest (equipment violation, operating under the influence/liquor, second offense)
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Green Street – noise complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 3 through February 9, 2002:

- Brandt Island Road – traffic violation
- Bridle Path – suspicious activity/quads on roadway
- Route 195 – dirt bikes reported on crossing
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – suspicious activity/party reports water balloon thrown at vehicle
- Eldorado Drive – dog chased neighbor
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – vandalism to election signs
- County Road – animal complaint
- Fairhaven Road – vandalism/property damage
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle violation
- County Road – fraud/credit card
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- North Street – house checks
- Bowman Road – suspicious activity
- Shaw Street – assist with traffic
- Pine Wood Way – attempt to serve summons
- North Street – suspicious operation
- Mattapoissett Neck Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Marion Road – trespassing/real property
- County Road – returned property
- Route 195 West – larceny from motor vehicle
- Prospect Road – barking dog complaint
- Marion Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence)
- Marion Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – mutual aid

- Bridle Path – mini bike/ATV complaint
- County Road – report of dead cat
- Fairhaven Road – debris in road
- Route 195 West – mutual aid
- Marion Road – open gates at high school.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 2 through February 11, 2002:

- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle stop
- Walnut Plain Road – animal control matter
- Estabrooke Lane – officer wanted
- Rounseville Road – suspicious activity
- Wareham Police Department – car jacking reported
- Neck Road – vandalism
- Robinson Road – officer wanted
- North Street – hit and run
- Robinson Road – officer wanted
- Taber Lane – suspicious activity
- County Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoissett Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Route 28 – suspicious activity
- Marion Road – annoying phone calls
- Edwards Lane – civil complaint
- High Street – dog complaint
- SEMASS – suspicious motor vehicle
- Old Colony High School – simple threats
- High Street – animal control matter
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- High Street – animal control matter
- North Street/Mattapoissett – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- Route 28 – highway matter
- Rochester Cafe and Bakery – breaking and entering
- Towne Pizza – breaking and entering
- Medina's School of Dance – breaking and entering
- Hartley Road – animal control matter.

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- June 30 – Stage Loft Theater: Sturbridge presents *Meet Me in St. Louis*; lunch at Rom's includes family style roast chicken, all you can eat; price is \$49 per person.

- July 10 – Captain Jack's Lobster Bake and two hours at Mohegan Sun Casino: Choice of prime rib or lobster and shrimp cocktail or steamed clams; price is \$44 per person.

- Foxwoods Trips with Sippican Seniors will be on the following Tuesdays: February 19; March 19; April 16; May 21; June 18; and July 16. The bus leaves the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion at 8:00 am. The cost is \$15 per person with \$30 bonus back at the casino (subject to change).

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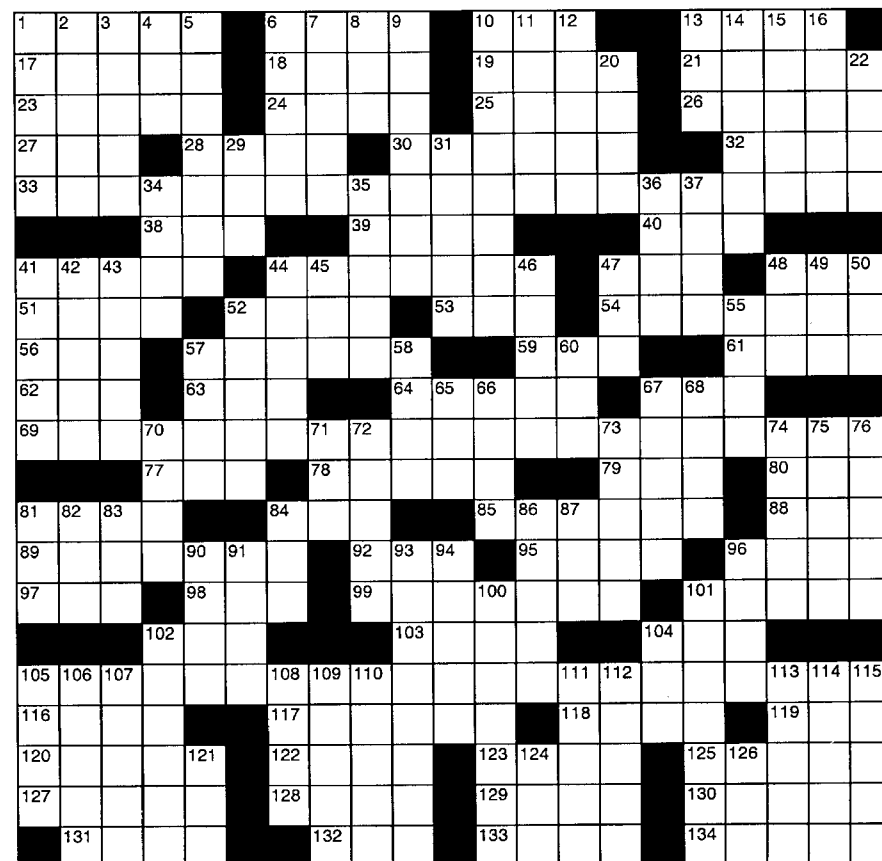
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21 It multiplies by dividing
23 Islamic text
24 Columnist Bombeck
25 Mrs. Zeus
26 Astronomer Carl
27 Catchall abbr.
28 Party pots
30 Bandleader Hampton
32 Gusto
33 Start of a remark by George Leonard
38 Cry of discovery
39 Pound of poetry
40 Forster's "Howards —"
41 Film division
44 Swerves dangerously
47 — -de-lance
48 Spear-headed
51 Colorless
- 52 Ship's slammer
53 Salon supply
54 Part 2 of remark
56 — du Diable
57 Lost one's tail?
59 It can be wicked
61 Writer O'Brien
62 — Tin Tin
63 Over-dramatic thespian
64 Nichols' "— Irish Rose"
67 Mont-gomery's st.
69 Part 3 of remark
77 Humorist George
78 Pine product
79 Affliction
80 Palindromic Parseghian
81 Old tub
84 Rock's Fleet-wood —
85 Part of a diet
88 Ferris-wheel unit
89 Part 4 of remark
92 Time Warner partner
95 Sharpen a skill
- 96 Location
97 Even so
98 Shack
99 Occur earlier
101 Croc's kin
102 Droop
103 Director Mira
104 Tin —
105 End of remark
116 Chianti, e.g.
117 Keen insight
118 Graceland name
119 — roll
120 Above it all
122 Mr. Ed's mother
123 "Clinton's Ditch"
125 Buffalo Bill, for one
127 Tenor Mario
128 North Carolina campus
129 Baseball's Sammy
130 Disburse
131 Nourish
132 Humorist Buchwald
133 Manuscript imperative
134 Bolger/Lahr co-star
- 3 She brought out the beast in men
4 Periodontists' org.
5 Kind of fudge
6 Shorthand, shortly
7 Museum piece
8 It's up your sleeve
9 Get it
10 '75 Diana Ross film
11 Stadium
12 Seraglio
13 Coll. degrees
14 Bowled over
15 Sire
16 Disconcert
20 Composer Schiffrin
22 Up-front money
29 Plutarch character
31 "The Woman —" ('84 film)
34 Nary a soul
35 It suits many
36 41 Down, for one
37 Calvary inscription
41 Mr. Agnew
42 Neighbor of Nev.
- 43 Skater Berezhnaya
44 Brioché bit
45 Pitch in
46 Put in stitches
47 Crafty critter
48 Top
49 Tons of time
50 Heredity letters
52 Responsibility
55 Shipshape
57 Israel's Barak
58 Place to pontificate
60 "Just — thought!"
65 Bach's "Bist du — mir"
66 Travelers' stops
67 Dwelling
68 Tun throw-aways
70 Time to crow?
71 Monk's title
72 Sum up
73 Swill connoisseur
74 Implied
75 Urania's sister
76 Not as common
81 Farm feature
82 "— gelida marina" (Puccini aria)
- 83 — bran
84 Encountered
86 Actress Maureen
87 Fate
90 Bangkok resident
91 "Les Misérables" author
93 Frill
94 Rent
96 Amritsar attire
100 Gloom
101 Parsley, perhaps
102 Nap
104 Word form for "environment"
105 Ellipse
106 Mideastern melange
107 — fell swoop
108 June, but not July
109 Florida city
110 Colossal commotion
111 Elevate
112 Actor Williams
113 It gets wet as it dries
114 Absurd
115 Sweet treat
121 In thing
124 Disintegrate
126 — -Locka, FL



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You don't like rejection. But instead of trying to ram your ideas through to an unreceptive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurean to charge into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life. **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you'll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Financially it could be a little tight for a while. So, resist the urge to splurge on things you don't really need. There will be time enough to indulge yourself when the money squeeze eases later this month.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You demand trust from others. But someone is creating a situation that could put your own trustworthiness in question. Be sure to keep all lines of communication open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem delays the recognition that you hoped to receive for your hard work. But all will soon be resolved. Remember to make patience your watchword this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Those wonderful ideas could expand your workplace prospects and ultimately lead you on a new career path. Your personal life also opens up new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) So much seems to be swirling around you these days that you might find it hard to focus on priorities. Best advice: Take things one at a time, and you'll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Work out situations with what you have, and avoid the temptation to create complications where they don't exist. This applies both at home and in the workplace.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Keep your keen senses open to possible changes in personal and/or professional situations. Knowing what might lie ahead gives you an edge on how to handle it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

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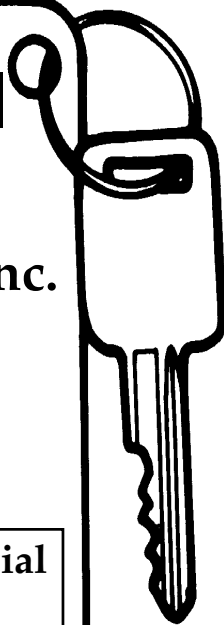
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pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by
Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000
Town of Marion — Case No. 1859
Special Town Meeting of October 15, 2001
Articles # S8, S9, S10, S11, S12, S13, and S16
Attorney General's Authority to
Waive Procedural Defects in the Notice of the
Planning Board Hearing Pursuant to the
provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by
Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000, if the
Attorney General finds there to be any defect
in the procedure of adoption or amendment of
any zoning by-law relating to the form or
content of the notice of the Planning Board
hearing prescribed by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, or to
the manner or dates on which said notice is
mailed, posted or published as required by
that section, then instead of disapproving the
by-law or amendment by reason of any such
defect, the Attorney General may elect to
proceed under the defect waiver provisions of
G.L. c. 40, § 32. Under those provisions, the
Attorney General is conditionally authorized
to waive any such defect.

Defect Determined in Notice of Planning Board Hearing
The Attorney General has determined that one or more of the notice requirements for the Planning Board Hearing relating to the above Article(s) failed to comply with the notice requirements for such hearing as set forth in G.L. c. 40A, § 5. Section 5 provides in part:

No zoning ordinance or by-law or amendment thereto shall be adopted until after the planning board in a city or town, and the city council or a committee designated or appointed for the purpose by said council has each held a public hearing thereon, together or separately, at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Said public hearing shall be held within sixty-five days after the proposed zoning ordinance or by-law is submitted to the planning board by the city council or selectmen or if there is none, within sixty-five days after the proposed zoning ordinance or by-law is submitted to the city council or selectmen. Notice of the time and place of such public hearing, of the subject matter, sufficient for identification, and of the place where texts and maps thereof may be inspected shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing, and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city or town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of said hearing. Notice of said hearing shall also be sent by mail, postage prepaid to the department of housing and community development, the regional planning agency, if any, and to the planning board of each abutting cities and towns.

(Emphasis added.)

In our review of the materials submitted to us for review we determined that the notice of the planning board hearing that was posted and published for Articles, S8, S9,

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S10, S11, S12, S13, and S16 did not contain a statement where the text of the proposed by-law amendment could be inspected. This statement is required by G.L. c. 40A, § 5, and its omission is a procedural defect that could result in our disapproval of the proposed amendments. Apart from these omissions in the notice that was published and posted, the notice in all other respects appears to satisfy the requirements of the statute.

Attorney General's Election to
Proceed Under the Waiver Provisions of G.L.
c. 40, § 32

The Attorney General has elected to proceed under the defect waiver authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Suspension of Review of Zoning By-Law Amendments

The 90-day period prescribed by law for the Attorney General's review of local by-laws is therefore suspended in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000.

Posting and Publication of This

Notice

The Town Clerk shall post a true copy of this Notice in a conspicuous place in the Marion Town Hall for a period of not less than 14 days and shall publish a copy hereof once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Marion.

Filing of Claim That Defect in Notice Was Misleading or Otherwise Prejudicial
Within 21 days of the date on which this Notice is published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Marion, any resident of the Town of Marion, or the owner of any real property in the Town of Marion, or any other party entitled to notice of the planning board hearing may file with the Town Clerk a written statement that the notice defect was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. The statement must set forth the reasons supporting the claim that the defect in the Planning Board Notice was misleading or otherwise prejudicial. This statement must be actually on file with the Town Clerk not later than 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published in the newspaper.

Town Clerk's Certification of Compliance with This Notice

Forthwith after the expiration of the 21-day period in which any claim may be filed, the Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General a true copy of this Notice endorsed with a certification of compliance with the publishing and posting requirements of the preceding paragraph, and a certification that either (a) no claim was filed within the 21 day period, or (b) one or more claims were filed within the 21-day period. The Town Clerk shall submit to the Attorney General true copies of any such claim(s).

Resumption of Attorney General's

Review
Upon receipt of one original copy of this
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Attorney General's review under G.L. c. 40, § 32, shall resume; but if the expiration of the 90 day period is less than 10 days from the date on which the Attorney General receives from the Town Clerk such Notice and certification, then the review period shall be extended to the tenth day following such receipt. If no claim is made, the Attorney General may waive any such defect; if any claim is made, however, the Attorney General may not waive any such defect.

Note: by not filing a claim under this provision, a person shall not be deprived of the right to assert a claim of invalidity arising out of any possible defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment, as provided in G.L. c. 40, § 32, and in G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

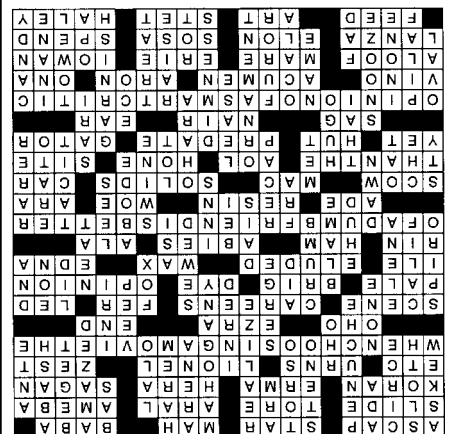
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Endres, Chairman 2/7, 2/14 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 25, 2002 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by: David & Jessica Nicolosi, 5 Perkins Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The proposed project is to finish grade and seed newly aquired land to match the grade on existing parcel. The project is located at 5 Perkins Lane and is further identified as Lot 12N on Assessor Map 15. Conservation Commission 02/14 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 11, 2002 at 8:00pm in the Town Hall on the Request for an Amended Order of Conditions submitted by Mark Heavner. The proposed project is to construct an approx. 12x16 porch addition, with stairway, to the existing dwelling. 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Conservation Commission 02/14 TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF SELECTMEN A public hearing will be held on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:15pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA., upon the application of Daphne Vrakas, 10 Admiral Point Drive, Dartmouth, MA d/b/a Nick's Homemade Pizza, 27 County Road, Mattapoisett MA for a wine and malt liquor license. BOARD OF SELECTMEN Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman Barry J. Denham Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk 02/14, 02/21

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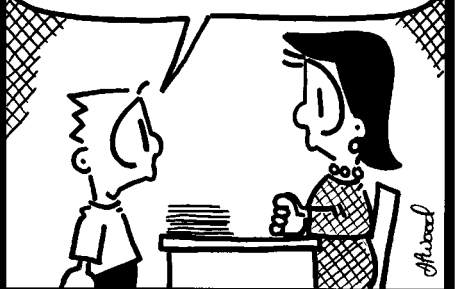
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Linda Weisner Maranis, a native of Fremont, Michigan, studied with Sacha Gorodnitzki at the Julliard School in New York City, where she received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano. She is also a graduate of the University of Arizona, where she was a student of Mme. Elenore Altman. Ms. Maranis has been a concerto soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra and has performed in Boston at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and on WGBH radio. She has appeared in piano duet recitals at several sites in New York City, including Lincoln Center's Bruno Walter Auditorium and the Donnell Library.

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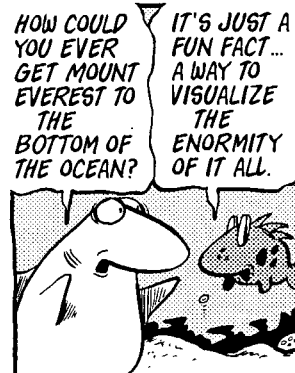
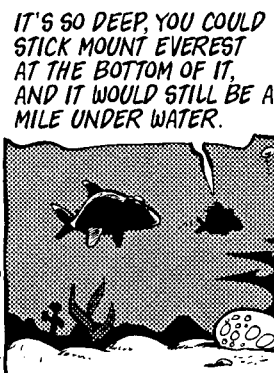
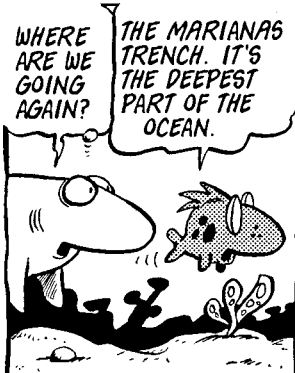
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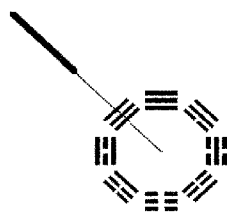
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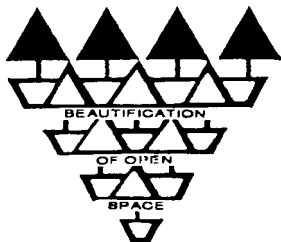
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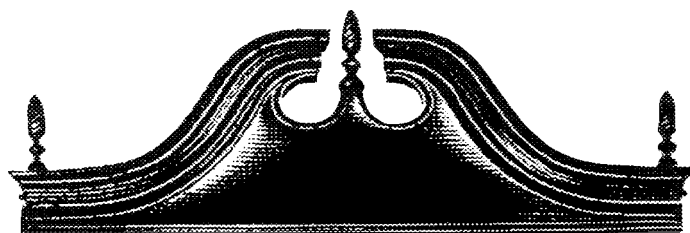
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Feb. 15:	Fri.	9:52	10:06	3:03	3:21
Feb. 16:	Sat.	10:27	10:42	3:40	3:54
Feb. 17:	Sun.	11:05	11:19	4:18	4:28
Feb. 18:	Mon.	11:46	...	4:57	5:05
Feb. 19:	Tues.	12:01	12:32	5:42	5:50
Feb. 20:	Wed.	12:48	1:24	6:44	6:46
Feb. 21:	Thurs.	1:43	2:23	8:12	7:53
Feb. 22:	Fri.	2:47	3:30	9:35	9:02
Feb. 23:	Sat.	3:57	4:35	10:36	10:05
Feb. 24:	Sun.	5:03	5:34	11:27	11:04
Feb. 25:	Mon.	6:00	6:27	...	12:09
Feb. 26:	Tues.	6:52	7:17	12:01	1:01
Feb. 27:	Wed.	7:42	8:07	12:57	1:44
Feb. 28:	Thurs.	8:31	8:56	1:51	2:26
Mar. 1:	Fri.	9:21	9:47	2:42	3:06
Mar. 2:	Sat.	10:13	10:41	3:32	3:47
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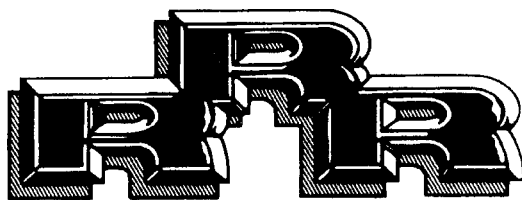
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